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SUBJECT: MERCHANT MARINE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL

REF: (A) STATE 101485; (B) CARACAS 453

1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND MARITIME ATTACHE MET ON JUNE 18 WITH MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND DELIVERED EMBASSY NOTE EXPRESSING USG VIEWS AND OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION UNDER MERCHANT MARINE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL.

2. IN DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED TIRADO'S READING OF NOTE, HE POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED LAW IS REALLY NOTHING NEW BUT MERELY AN " AUGMENTATION" OF REGULATIONS EXISTING SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 1961. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ITS OWN CARGO RESERVATION LEGISLATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO 17 UNDER WHICH EXPORT- IMPORT BANK FINANCED CARGOES MOVE. (COMMENT: THIS IS TYPICAL RESPONSE OF SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO MARITIME ATTACHE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH SUBJECT OF THEIR CARGO PREFERENCE PROGRAMS.)

3. TIRADO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN ITS PRESENT FORM WILL NOT OCCUR IMMEDIATELY BUT WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TIME, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES REQUIRED IN THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL UNITS TO FLEET, ESPECIALLY TANKERS. HE ALSO FEELS THAT BECAUSE OF " WAIVER" AND " ASSOCIATE CARRIER" PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED LAW, TRADE AND SHIPPING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

4. FINALLY, TIRADO STATED THAT HE STRONGLY ENDORSES THE 50-50 CONCEPT ; NAMELY, THAT CARGO GENERATED BETWEEN TWO NATIONS BELONGS EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE NATIONS.
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